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Federal Communication Commission
1919 M Street NW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Sirs:

It has come to my attention that the Federal Communications Commission is considering an action that will compromise the safety of, and severely restrict, a very important hobby/sport in America. That hobby, in which I am an avid enthusiast, is radio-controlled (R/C) model airplanes, helicopters, cars and boats.

It is my understanding that the Notice of Proposed Rule Making in PR Docket 92-235 replaces Part 90 of your rules with a new Part 88. Part 90 allows for the safe operation of R/C air and surface models by keeping a 10 KHz spacing between fixed commercial users and the frequencies utilized by R/C enthusiasts. The new Part 88 will allow mobile use on frequencies that are displaced from the present R/C frequencies by only 2.5 KHz. This proposal, if approved, will effectively eliminate R/C operation on 31 of the 50 authorized frequencies in the 72 MHz band and ten of the 30 authorized frequencies in the 75 MHz band. It is likely that more frequencies would also be affected and left essentially unusable for safe operation. Consequently, the proposal will have a significant and detrimental impact not only to me personally, but to the entire R/C hobby industry.

I urge you to reconsider this proposal and retain the 10 KHz spacing between those frequencies allocated to R/C use in the 72 MHz and 75 MHz bands. It is estimated that R/C enthusiasts/